Pulse Polio Immunization

†573. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WALFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made till December 2004 in polio eradication drive being launched countrywide and to what extent the decline in the number of polio patients recorded;

(b) whether it is a fact that in many States particularly in Uttar Pradesh this drive is not being run successfully; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor the views expressed by the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Significant progress has been made in polio eradication during 2004. As against 1600 cases of wild poliovirus reported during 2002 and 225 cases detected during 2003 only 136 cases of wild poliovirus was reported during 2004. Moreover the poliovirus circulation has been restricted to limited geographical area of Western Uttar Pradesh, Central Bihar and Mumbai.

(b) and (c) the polio eradication drive is running successfully in all States including Uttar Pradesh. In the State of Uttar Pradesh the number of wild polio virus cases had reduced from 1242 in the year 2002 to 82 in 2004. The extent of wild poliovirus transmission has also reduced from 65 districts in the year 2002 to only 15 districts in the year 2004.

Ayurvedic Remedy for heart patients

†574. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhartiya Ayurvedic Sansthan got the success to cure heart patients without conducting any by pass surgery and the Sansthan got the fame in the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

(a) Government have no information regarding success to cure the heart

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patients without conducting any by pass surgery by an institution called Bhartiya Ayourvedic Sansthan.

(b) Question does not arise.

WB aid for National Rural Health Mission

575. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have aproved launch of a National Rural Health Mission with Rs. 3,700 crores credit grants-in-aid from multilateral agencies;

(b) whether Government have also approved a proposal to initiate negotiations with World Bank for credit support of Rs 1575 crores and for grant-in-aid support for Department for International Development (DFID) for Fs. 2,125 crores for RCH-II programme to supplement resources of National Rural Health Mission; and

(c) if so, by what time final decision is likely to be taken and the areas to be covered during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The financial support of the World Bank and the DFID to the RCH programme is likely to be finalized within the first quarter of 2005-06 and it will cover the Reproductive and Child Health components of the programme which will be taken up for implementation in all the States and Union Territories of the country.

Fast connecting trains

†576. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced to start fast connecting trains to connect various parts of the country during the last year;

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